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ERDA FOR SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL SECURITY/ADMIRAL
LYON, TAYLOR, AND DOWD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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REF: SCICOUNS/LYON AND SCICOUNS/TAYLOR-DOWD TELECONS

1. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS AND AMPLIFIES REF TELECONS
CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING RCMP ASSISTANCE
IN TRAINING THEIR PERSONNEL TO HANDLE THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH NUCLEAR THREATS,
TERRORIST ACTIONS AND/OR ACCIDENTS. THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS
ON A STRICTLY INFORMAL BASIS AT THIS POINT.

2. AS ERDA AWARE, BASIS FOR INITIAL EMBASSY INQUIRY WAS A
COMBINATION OF TWO FACTORS. FIRST, THERE WAS THE INTEREST
OF RCMP IN TRAINING A SENIOR GROUP OF OFFICERS WITHIN
"P" DIRECTORATE, WHICH IS THEIR DIRECTORATE CHARGED
WITH PRINCIPAL OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NUCLEAR
SECURITY, WHO COULD ACT AS TRAINING OFFICERS THEMSELVES
WITHIN THE VARIOUS OPERATIONAL COMMANDS ACROSS CANADA.
IDEALLY, THE TRAINING WOULD CONIST OF ENOUGH THEORY, AND OPER-
ATIONAL INFORMATION TO PERMIT OFFICERS IN THE FIELD TO
RESPOND INTELLIGENTLY AND PROMPTLY TO ANY NUCLEAR INCIDENT
WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE THE INTERVENTION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.
THE SECOND WAS INFORMATION REACHING OTTAWA THAT AN IN-
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SERVICE COURSE HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FOR FBI AGENTS AND WAS GIVEN

FROM TIME TO TIME AT FBI ACADEMY. CANADIAN OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED THAT BECAUSE OF WEAPONS INFORMATION WHICH WOULD NATURALLY BE INCLUDED IN ANY COURSE GIVEN FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL, IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT FOREIGN OFFICERS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN THESE COURSES. SINCE IT IS EVIDENTLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE U.S. FOR CANADIAN POLICE UNITS TO BE AS WELL TRAINED AS POSSIBLE IN THIS NEW AND COMPLICATED FIELD, EMBASSY WELCOMED EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL WITHIN LIMITS IMPOSED BY SECURITY RESTRICTIONS CONVEYED IN REF TELCONS. ACCORDINGLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH RESPONSIBLE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NUCLEAR SECURITY "P" DIRECTORATE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RCMP OBJECTIVES.

3. PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE WOULD BE TO TRAIN A CADRE OF SOME 20 TO 30 OFFICERS FROM FIELD COMMANDS AND HEADQUARTERS IN THE NECESSARY THEORY AND PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO:

- A. TRAIN OTHER OFFICERS WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS,
- B. RESPOND TO NUCLEAR INCIDENTS WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS WITH MAXIMUM DOMESTIC EFFECTIVENESS,
- C. WHERE APPROPRIATE CALL ON AND MESH THEIR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES WITH COUNTERPART AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND
- D. IF NECESSARY, BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS IN HANDLING AN INCIDENT IN THE U.S. THAT HAD TRANSBORDER IMPLICATIONS.

4. LOGISTICS. IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT COULD BE INVOLVED, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IT MAY BE EASIER TO TRANSPORT AMERICAN INSTRUCTORS TO OTTAWA WHERE AMPLE SECURE TRAINING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, THAN CONTEMPLATE SENDING STUDENTS SOUTH. (IN FACT AVAILABLE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL STRONGLY WEIGHS AGAINST TRYING TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS). IF THIS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREED UPON, RCMP PLANE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP INSTRUCTORS AT U.S. RENDEZVOUS POINT, E.G., WASHINGTON AND TRANSPORT THEM TO AND FROM OTTAWA ALONG WITH THEIR TRAINING AIDS.

5. TIMING. THE COURSE COULD BE SCHEDULED ANY CONVENIENT TIME DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE START OF SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AND EXTENDING TO MID-NOVEMBER. MID-SEPTEMBER

WOULD, PERHAPS, BE THE BEST TIME DURING THIS PERIOD.
IT IS TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED THAT IN ORDER NOT TO IMPOSE
TOO MUCH ON GOOD WILL OF INSTRUCTORS COURSE COULD
BE GIVEN IN THREE DAYS DURING THE MIDDLE OF A WEEK. THE
MONDAY AND FRIDAY COULD THEN BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION
TO AND FROM WASHINGTON.

6. COURSE CONTENT. THE COURSE IS VISUALIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. TUESDAY A.M. DEVOTED TO SOME BASIC INFORMATION
ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT
AND THE TYPES OF TRHEATS THAT CAN ARISE AT EACH. THESE
COULD BE CONVENIENTLY HANDLED UNDER THE FOLLOWING THREAT
CATEGORIES, THOSE ARISING IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF CIVILIAN
BUSINESS, CRIMINAL, POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, AND
IMPORTANTLY, POST INCIDENT THREATS. IN THIS LATTER
CATEGORY WOULD FALL, FOR EXAMPLE, PANIC OR LOOTING
FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT.

B. TUESDAY P.M. DEVOTED TO ANALYZING HOW THREATS MAY
BECOME KNOWN. THESE COULD BE CONVENITENTLY BROKEN DOWN INTO
DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL, INTELLIGENCE, AND DIRECT CHANNELS.

C. TUESDAY EVENING. TRAINING FILMS.

D. WEDNESDAY A.M. DEVOTED TO HOW THREATS ARE EVALUATED.
A POSSIBLE CHAIN WOULD BE (I) IDENTIFY THREAT AS
COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE, (II) MAKING ACCOUNTABILITY
CHECKS, (III) EVALUATING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IF ANY
(IV) SECURITY INTELLIGENCE BACK UP (DOMESTIC,
CRIMINAL, SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL), (V) THE MAKING
OF THE DECISION TO TAKE ACTION (VI) PLOTING COURSE
OF ACTION.
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E. WEDNESDAY PM.M. DEVOTED TO RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION.
IN THIS PERIOD STRESS WOULD BE PLACED ON WHAT HELP COULD
BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. AND VICE VERSA.

F. WEDNESDAY EVENING. DIVIDE STUDENTS INTO GROUPS OF
5 OR 6 WITH COMMANDERS AND PASS OUT SCENARIOS. EACH
GROUP SHOULD GET A DIFFERENT ONE AND COLLECTIVELY THE
SCENARIOS SHOULD BE A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE
POSSIBLE ACTUAL SITUATIONS.

G. THURSDAY A.M. EACH GROUP WITH ITS SCENARIO WOULD
GO INTO A SEALED CLASSROOM WHERE THEY WOULD BE IN CONTACT
WITH TWO GROUPS FORMED FROM RCMP INSTRUCTORS. THE RCMP
GROUP WOULD REPRESENT SENIOR AUTHORITY TO WHICH

OPERATIONAL UNIT REPORTED AND THE INSTRUCTOR GROUP THE UNIT STAGING THE INCIDENT. THE MORING WOULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO DYNAMIC GAMING OF THE SCENARIOS.

EMBASSY NOTE: CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO PICKING ONE SCENARIO MOST LIKELY TO LEAD TO REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM U.S. AND ON A TEST BASIS ACTUALLY ACTIVATE THE EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT, ERDA EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTERS FOR A BRIEF TIME.

#. THURSDAY P.M. EACH GROUP PREPARES A REPORT ON ITS EXERCISE THE FIRST HALF OF THE AFTERNOON AND DURING THE SECOND HALF REPORTS ON IT IN PLENARY.

I. THURSDAY EVENING. CONCLUDING HAPPY HOUR.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PER REF TELCONS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF ERDA'S WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN THIS JOINT ACTIVITY AND SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR SUGGESTIONS AS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN MAKING DEFINITE PLANS IF ACTIVITY CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. REFINEMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON COURSE CONTENT BASED ON ERDA'S PAST EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR TRAINING WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AND WELCOME. ENDERS

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